**Lecture & Reading: Tuesday, May 3, 2011, 5pm**

**westward** – encounters with Swiss American Women

**westwärts** – Begegnungen mit Amerika-Schweizerinnen

“Westward” (original title: “Westwaerts”) is a collection of portraits of Swiss women, who emigrated to the United States in the 20th century. They hail from different Swiss cantons, come from varied familial and occupational backgrounds and are living in different states of the USA. They tell of their varied experiences at home and abroad.

Swiss journalist, communications specialist and author Susann Bosshard-Kaelin will read from her book “Westward” and talk about the story behind the book. She will be accompanied by Prof. Leo Schelbert, a Swiss abroad, who taught American History with specialization in the history of American Immigration at the University of Illinois at Chicago from 1971 to 2003. At both readings in Washington D.C., there will also be Rosa Schupbach-Lechner, who is one of the women portrayed in the book and who will tell us her personal story.

Join us for this fascinating lecture on US immigration history:

**May 3rd, 2011, 5pm, Gilman 130D:**
Department of German & Romance Languages, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore MD
3400 N. Charles Street; Baltimore, MD 21218

- Lecture will be held in German and English.
- Please rsvp for this event to: rtobias@jhu.edu

The lecture will be followed by refreshments and copies of the book “Westward” will be for sale.

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